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## WASH. B. WILLIAMS, 7th and D Streets.

THEIR BOARD TOO HIGH.

Geeble-Minded of the District to Be Housed Here.

The Commissioners have authorized the superintendent of charities to proceed to Elwyn, Delaware County, Pa.: Owen Mills, Paltimore County, Md., and Falls Church, Va., on business relating to the care of feeble-minded children.

This step is taken in accordance with a report of the superintendent, made to the Commissioners, which stated that at the Pennsylvania Institute for the Feeble-Minded there were twenty-two innuites from the District, all children. The standard charge made for siich children is \$250 per year, and the bill for their support dur ing the last six months am

This the Commissioners regard as too high, and think the price should be reduced or the District inmates removed to the Mary establishment at Falls Church, as both of these institutions have agreed to take care of the dependants at reduced rates. The superintendent is instructed to make a rough examination of the matter and re-Port on the status of the case.

FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Witness Fitzgerald Must Pay for His Sudden Departure.

Charles Fitzgerald, who was to have tesified against Clayton M. Emrich, proprietor of Emrich's Hotel, corner C street and New Jersey avenue northwest, in the police ourt in the case arising out of a Sunday raid made on the place about three months ago, was apprehended yesterday.

Fitzgerald disappeared just before the case was called. Because of Fitzgerald's m-appearance the case had to be dropped t the time. Judge Miller, who was then on bench, directed that a search be made for the witness, and that if found he should be arrested on a charge of contempt. Officer Hartigan learned yesterday that Fitzceradihad returned to town, and after some unting found him at the corner of Third

and H streets.

Judge Mills sentenced Fitzgerald to fortyeight hours in jail and a fine of \$20 or sixty days in jail on the charge of contempt. The officers at the Sixth precinct station in tend to have the liquor case reopened as

ITS FIRST LAWN PARTY.

C. G. Conn Drum Corps to Entertain Its Friends.

The first lawn party of the C. G. Conn. Drum and Bugle Corps, U. R. K. P., will be held this evening in the pretty grounds at the corner of Tenth and N streets northwest. The corps is made up of the sons and relatives of members of the Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias and of wage earners. Pistorio will to-night furnish music for dancing, the Southern Classical Associa tion will give their cake walk and many members of the Minerva Club are expected

She Asks for Alimony. Mrs. Rachel A. Beall yesterday asked the court to decree that she be allowed alimony against her husband, Charles Beall. They were married July 28, 1856. and have six children living. She stated that without cause her husband left her amounts only to her support since then. It is alleged that the husband owns nine houses on Ninth and C streets southeast. with a rental of at least \$90 per month Judge McComas allowed the filing of the suit without deposit of costs,

Woman's Relief Corps Entertains Grand Army of the Republic, are preparing an exhibit for the Atlanta Exposition.
It will consist of badges of all the corp. together with the photographs of the department officers. Last night a musical and literary entertainmer ry entertainment was given at Post Hall, to aid in the enterprise. A well-selected programme rendered followed by refreshments.

The committee on entertainment consisted of Mrs. Chambers, of Lafayette; Mrs., Dickerson and Mrs. McClure, of Burns, Bide; Mrs. Alice Burgess, of Potoniac, and Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Holmes of Lincoln

The Morning Times for enterprise.

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TELEPHONE CASE REVIVED

Government Devising Means to Further Prosecute It.

Berliner Patent Decision May Be Car ried to the Supreme Court for Final Settlement.

The law officers of the Government have under consideration how further to proceed with the case against the Bell Telephor Company for the repeal of the Berliner pat

As the case now stands the bill of the Gov roment has been dismissed by the cour the quality of the work has to of appeals for the first circuit, and under that judgment the Bell Company has begun proceedings against several of the corpora ons which entered the telephone field afte

the expiration of the Bell patent in 1893. The validity of the Berliner patent is es-sential to the further control of the telephone business by the Bell Company, and the present situation is of additional interest, from a legal or judicial point of view, because the case involves a consideration of the act of 1891 establishing the circuit court of

By the terms of the act creating circuit courts of appeal, the judgments of those courts is final in all cases arising under the patent laws, except where the judges certify a case to the Supreme Court or where the Supreme Court directs the case of certiorari.

telephone company is evidently inclined to accept the decree of the court of appeals as final, and is proceeding to enforce its claims under the patent. But the government representatives are by no means disposed to let the case rest here. They say that a car, involving the question whether or not the United States has the right to sue for Yaccanceliation of a patent vastly different from a controversy between two private parties over a patent right, and that upon-that point an appeal will lie to the Supreme Court from the judg ment of the court of appeals.

And even if that ground should fall them, they can sue for a review of t'a case on a writ of certiona as provided in the law itself. Which method of procedure will be followed has not yet been finally settled, but it is asserted that the case will not be permitted to rest in its present condition.

## BROOKLAND ITEMS.

A pretty wedding will take place at 7 clock this evening in St. Authory's Catholic Chapel, the contracting parties being Mr. William Browood, of Kansas, and Miss Frances Miller, daughter of Francis E. Miller, of the Soldiers' Home. The bride will wear white mult and be attended by her sister, who will also wear white. The chapel is beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers and some some ornamental plants sent from the Home conservatory. Rev. Henry Hy-vernat will perform the ceremony in the absence of Rev. Father De Wulf, who is

Mr. Angus Porter left a few days ago for the Adirondacks, to remain until October. After that time he will resume his studies at the New York Episcopal Semi-

Miss Mand Porter has gone to Richmond to accept a position as leading soprano in a Methodist church there.

Judge E. B. Smith, who has spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Cammick, has returned to his home in Wash ington.

Dr. J. Henry Brooks, John R. Pantro and several other Brookland people attended the Upper Mariboro fair yesterday.

St. Paul's Church.

At a meeting held by the congregation of St. Paul's Catholic Church recently it was lecided to have a lawn party, to be held on the grounds adjoining the new church, he second week of next month.

The proceeds will be used in payment church debt, Fathers Mackin, Foley and Gross have gone on their annual retreat, returning home Sunday. The new baptismal fountain which was donated to th parish some time ago, will be put in the During the absence of the pastors of the the wants of the parish are being looked after by the fathers of St. Augus

They Read The Times.

Social Club No. 1 held a meeting last night at No. 1138 Twentieth street northwest, with J. R. Smothers in the chair. The meeting was well attended, and regula routine business of the club transacted. A resolution was offered and unanimously passed requesting all members of the or ganization to read The Times.

Broke His Arm. Yesterday afternoon, while James Ede-lin was playing in an alley back of his house. No. 631 D street, he fell and broke his arm. Attention was given him at the Emergency Hospital,

Not That Kind.

She went into a shop to buy some tollet soap, and while the shopman was expatiat-ing on its merits, about made up her mind keep off chaps," she said she didn't want

Not an Autograph Flend. "Can I write my name under the received payment on this bill?" asked the collector who like to put things as delicately as pos "No, thank, you," repli-Blokely, "I'm no autograph flend."-Viceling Corner Stone.

Captain Bluecoat-Policeman 2178, what

s your beat? No. 2178—Der apple woman on der corne Steenth and Soforth, der Gigan'ic Dry Goods Kump'uny and Pat O'Toole's saloon; but I dervides wid de sergunt.-New

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CAUGHT BY A BELT.

Horrible Death of Two Boys in a Cider Cleveland, Obio, Aug. 28.-A special to the Press from Fostoria, Ohio, says that Elmer Schlinck, aged 12 years and Jacob Altweiss, aged 14, were playing in Ull-

man & Merks' cider mill. at Bascom, atel A belt was running over a pulley loosely and the boys took hold of it and became entangled, and were whirled round and round. When the machinery was stopped Schlinck was dead and one hand hung to th pulley, having been torn from his body. Young Altweiss is injured internally and

## HE WAS KILLED AND BURNED

Finding of the Body of Little Howard Pitezel in a Stone Hole.

Though the Remains Were Meager, There Is Little Doubt That They Are Those of the Missing Boys

Indianapolis, Aug. 28.-Probably the greatest sensation yet developed in conection with the career of the murderer Holmes is that of the finding of the charred emains of little Howard Pitezel in a small vacant cottage in the little suburban vil lage of Covington. A trunk taken by Holmes from the Circle House in this city was traced by detectives. The party went to the cottage and a few minutes later the officers found beneath the side porch the missing trunk, which was taken from the side door of the Circle House in this city October 10 by H. H. Holmes, and which was thought to

contain the body of the boy. Great excitement followed and hundreds flocked to the scene as roon as the discovery leaked out, although the officers endeav ored to keep the matter a secret. The house was guarded and work began rearching for additional evidence.

Developments followed thick and fast

and the chain of evidence is damning.

In a barn connected with the house was a large stove of cylindric shape of the same pattern as Holmes bought in Circinnati. He rented the house under the same alias. The stove had been moved from the house

to the stable by the owner of the house

after Helmes left. It was at once concluded that the body had been burned in the stove and search began for the remains Late this evening Dr. J. F. Barnhill's attention was called by a small boy named Walter Jenny to the stove hole where the stove had been. It was filled

with refuse. This was pulled out and the remains of the boy were found. Physicians and dentists were there, and in this pit of refuse hundreds of pieces of charred bones were found. The teeth showed that the body was that of a boy between eight and ten years of age, and all the other bones confirmed this.

All were charred, and pieces of flesh and plevis added to the same convincing

The boy had evidently been burned in a the barn. Howard's overcoat was found at a grocery store near-by, where Holmes had left it, saying the boy would call for it. He never came.

Owners of the house recognized Holmes som the pictures shown them. All iden-tify him as the man who, last October, rented the house with the same story he told in Toronto and other places, came with the boy and the bil stove, wash-stand and bed, stayed two days and then disappeared

Several people have identified him. and all doubt is removed. Other develop-ments are expected to-morrow, and with this evidence Indianapolis will demand Holmes

Overcome by Drug Gas. Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 27.—Seven fire-men were overcome by smoke and gas in a fire in the tasement of the Hansen Drug yesterday afternoon. The fire was caused an explosion of drugs being mixed by C. J. Johnson, a clerk, who was badiy burned. The firemen were fighting the fire in the basement when an second explosion occurred, the gas from burning varnish and the drugs rendering seven of them unconscious. Three of them are in a dangerous

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued as William Johnson, of Newbursh, N. Y., and India Newton, of Richmond, Va. Sandy Alexander Bell and Margaret Ella

Odrick, of Albemarle County, Va. n D. McNelley and Annie V. Stein meir, of Baltimore. Henry Fairfax and Sarah Seaton.

William Breerwood and Mary F. Miller, both of Woodburn, D. C.

Hotel Company Incorporated. The Brightwood Hotel Company, organized for the purpose of erecting and conducting a hotel at Brightwood Park, took out articles of incorporation this morning The capital stock of the company is \$20,000 The incorporators were Theophile Felter s Ulke, Emile Wagner, C. W. Buhle

and A. Detterer. Very Few Carlyle Mementoes. All the personal memorials of Carlyle contained in the Chelsea house, lately tuurned into a mureum, consist, according Truth, of a tattered trunk, a walking stick, a wretched tin bath, a marble-top tand and a stovepipe hat under

glass care. No Doubt About It. First Cycler (nearing a road house)—Do you suppose we can get anything to drink

Second Cycler-Just look at the enormous aggregation of wheels in the carriage shed .-

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SWELLING THE UNFAIR LIST

Many Firms Reported to the Fed-eration of Labor.

Local Assemblies, Meet and Perfect Arrangements for the Great Labor Day Parade.

An important meeting of the Federa-tion of Labor was held last evening at Plasterers' Hall, corner Pennsylvania ave nue and Four-and-a-half street northwest. Thirty-five of the labor organizations of the city were represented by delegates.

been instructed to confer with Mr. Albaugh in reference to the employment of union labor in the construction of his new-theater opposite Lafayette Square, reported that they were unable to meet Mr. Albaugh. An effort will be made again to-day. .The special committee appointed to

confer with Mr. Eugene Kernan with a view to making his theater "fair" reported that they had seen Mr. Kernan, but no agreement was arrived at, so they recommended the theater be still retained on the unfair list. The Cigar makers, through their repre sentatives, reported that they had asked

Federation of Labor in that city to place Mr. Kernan's theater there on the unfair A communication was received from Mr. Nicholas Auth, stating that he had laid

off two employes yesterday morning, having nothing for them to do. He claims he did not know they were union men. This statement, however, is flatly contradicted by delegates from the Eutchers' Assembly, who say that instead of laying off two men four were discharged, and men from Baltimore were on hand ready to go to work in their places. The matter was referred to a special committee of three to report at the next regular meeting. The Cornice Workers reported W. E.

Yerkes for a violation of his agreement with them, and asks the Federation to The Tailors' Union reported the firm of Israel & Griffin, corner of Seventh street and Virginia avenue southwest, as un-

fair. The report was referred to a special committee for investigation. The Barbers reported seven business

firms of the city as unfair. The Horreshoers reported that their differences with Hile & Fitzgerald had been settled, and requested that they be stricked settled, and requested that they be stricken from the unfair list. The request was

The Horseshoers, Pakers, Machinists, Carriage Makers and Eakers reported that their respective organizators had indorsed the action of the Federation in placing the Eckington andd Soldiers' Home and Belt street railway lines on the unfair The Carriage Makers reported mine,

Machinists four, and Butchers eight new members enrolled since the last meeting. The Bakers reported that consumers would be served with fresh bread on Labor Day and the day following, as the members had made arrangements to work on Sunday

A communication was received from the Ladies' Binders' Union, No. 42, I. B. of B., informing the Federation that on Labor Day the members of the union would hold a reception at Typographical Temple from 2 to 6 p. ni., and that a cordial welcome would be given the members of all the labor organizations and all others who attended.

At the regular meeting of the Building Trades Council held last evening at Typo-graphical Temple, with President O'brein n the chair, the following preamble and

"Whereas, the daily press of Washington, employing union labor exclusively, and being friendly to organized labor generally,

Resolved, by the Building Trades Council that we pledge our support to the press of Washington and express our appreciation of the aid it has given to the Legislative Committee of this body in securing important legislation through Congress,"

The committee appointed by the bricklayers to select uniforms for Labor Day have awarded the contract to Loeb & Hirsh the uniforms will cost the union \$2,500, and the committee is of the opinion that hey will be the handsomest in line next Monday. The following circular has been prepared

by Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, and a copy will be sent to each member withing the next two days.

"Columbia Union in the Labor Day parade. Our union composes one separate division, the second, in the parade and will be sistant Marshal George A. Tracv. The division joins the general parade at Indiana avenue and Four-and-a-half street. The various chapels will form in the immediate vicinity of the Temple, and as fast as they are in rendiness will mare hto the rendezvous above indicated. The particular meeting place of each chapel will be hereafter des-

'Each chapel should have a marshal in the person of its chairman or some one selected by the chapel.

"Each chapel, where it is possible, is expected to have at least one American flag in line, in addition to the chape "The general uniform comprises a soft

hat, a light shirt, a badge, and a case. The Star and The Times chapels will have special uniforms.
"To those who intend to parade uni-

forms will be given out at the Temple on aturday, Sunday and Monday. The distribution will commence at 5:30 o'clock on Saturday. Committee, W. N. Brockwell, F. C. Roberts, Alpheus Sholl, J. W. Lynch. and Francis Benzier."

The Labor Day excursion to River View to

be given by Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, will be rendered more enjoyable and entertaining than it would ordi ave been, by the great game of baseball which will be played on the grounds at the esort, between the Shamrocks and the East-

ATLANTA MEN GRATEFUL. Thanks Received by the Electrical

Union for Aid. A letter has been received by Mr. John

M. Berger, president of Local Union, No. 26, of Washington, from Mr. Horace Risky, recording secretary of Local Union, No. 29, of Atlanta, Ga., stating that the men had secured a raise. He sends the thanks of the union to Local Union, No. 26, and all the unions for the prompt action in re-questing electrical workers to stay away

Electrical Workers' Union, No. 26, Washington, to-night, as matters of importance have transpired which require prompt action of Local-Union, No. 26. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock, at No. 805 M street northwest.

Not to Be.

"There is something rotten in Denmark-"

amlet held his nose.
"It smells to heaven." He removed his fingers.

TRADER STOKES HANGED. Ex-Missionary the First White Man

to Be Executed in Africa. The latest newspapers from London contain the account of the harging of a white man in Central Africa. He is the first white to meet that ignominious fate in that region. His name was Stokes, and he has had remarkable career. Stokes was one of the first missionaries who were sent to Victoria Nyanza. In the course of a few years he thought he raw a chance to make a fortune in Africa, and he abandened the missionary field. The growth of his influence was remarkably rapid and was owing to his intimate knowledge of the country and the great success of his business enterprises. It was due to Stokes far more than to any other ore man that Mwanga, the fogitive kirg of Ugarda, was able to retain his threne. He has now been langed in the cortheast corner of the and the dispatch from Zanzibar rays the affair is creating great excitement there.

The cable dispatch from Zanzibar is confirmed by another dispatch from Brus-sels, telling of recent events in the Congo State. It appears that when Captain Dhanis, who drove the Arabs of the Upper Congo across Lake Tanganyika and out of the Congo State, came absence, Commandant Lothaire succeeded bim in command of the troops. Marching north down the Congo, he caught and executed Chief Kittonge, who was mainly re-sponsible for the murder of Emin Pasha. At the same time he learned that a white man had been selling guns and powder to the Arab slavers and to Kibonge. Later he caught this white man on the Ituri river. He proved to be the trader Stokes. court-martial was organized to try him, and he was found guilty and hanged. The Ituri river is in the northeast part

of the State. Fifteen or sixteen years ago Stokes was sent to Uganda by the Church Missionary Society of England, and for several years he was one of the most active of the pioneer missionaries in that country. He seemed to favor of the natives and for keeping missionary enterprises moving. He was be lieved to be a man of exemplary charac ter and Christian zeal.

Everybody who kept track of this enter prise was much surprised ten or eleven years ago to hear that Stokes had suddenly left the missionary service and had em barked in business on his own account as a trader. He seemed at the same time to have abandoned all the high principles he had professed, and was willing to do any to make money. His principal trade goods were guns and powder, because they were what the natives most eagerly craved. His business was regarded as nefarious, but he developed it to large proportions before the probibition of the gun and pow der trade with natives was established. It is said that be has since secretly carried on the trade on a large scale in spite of the

He had some connection with the big Indian traders on the Zaraibar coast, but nobody stems to know just what it was. Some years ago he sent into the interior a caravan of 2,000 porters. Iç was said at the time to be the largest trading caravan ever reen in tropical Africa, with the exception of one party sent to the coast by

Tippu Tib. In 1888 the cruel King of Uganda, Mwanga, was driven from his throne by the Mohammedan element in his country dominated by the Arab traders, As long as they were supreme Stokes could do no more trading in Uganda. The fact was widely pub-lished in the following year that Stokes was really the man who put Mwanga back on the throne and enabled the missi turn to Uganda. Mwanda's native supporters were mostly massed in the Buddu dis-trict, and it was Stokes' guns and powder that enabled them to win the day During the year when nothing was heard

from Stanley, who was on his Emin relief expedition, and there were many reports of his death. Stokes kept men in Uganda instructed to bring news of the explorer to the coast by forced marches. He withdrew the uen, however, just before Stanley reap-

The crime of which he was said to be guilty, and for which he was put to death. is of the most despicable character. He was found guilty of supplying munitions of war to the Arabs with which to fight his own race. The whites have been at war with th Arabs simply because they persisted in raiding for slaves, a murderous business which all civilized nations declared at the Brussels conference must be suppressed.

THE BLOOD OF THE SIMPSONS. It Flowed in the Veins of Gen. Grant

and Jefferson Davis. The Boston Herald says: Many good pec ple, well read and interested in genealogies of great men, do not know that Gen. Ulysses impson Grant and Jefferson Davis Were relatives, having a common ancestor in the third generation back.

Gen. Grant's mother, Hannah, was the lived in the vicinity of Philadelphia during the Revolutionary war. Jefferson Davis' grandmother, Ann Da-

vis, was the daughter of the same William Hurricane Stations on the Gulf. A new hurricane station has been estab ished in Yucatan, and observations will be

cabled from Merida to New Orleans during the hurricane season, or when severe storm development is noticed. This station is the first link in what will probably be a long chain of stations along the borders of th Guif. In this plan a thorough co-operation on the part of the Mexican Meteorological bureau will, it is hoped, be secured, as it would be of the greatest assistance.

Having Fun on Vesuvius. After the recent eruption on Vesuvius scores of small boys from Naples climbed untain to the very edge of the crate and pelted each other with chunks of steaming lava.-Philadelphia Record.

Mistakes of Natural History "Whalebone," began the teacher, "isn't bone at all." "Well," broke in the bold, bad boy, "it isn't a whale either; so what is it?"—Rock land Tribune.

Fifty Tons of Railway Tickets. It was stated some time ago by one of the heads of departments of the London and Northwestern Railway that that company issues yearly fifty tons of railway tickets.

Love's Barometer. No matter if her brow is wrinkled deep. With frowns that drive away her lover's

No matter if her lovely blue eye hath That in it which betokens coming wrath; No matter if her ruby lips give fant

She's always fair as is the month of May,

From which she's named-and ever I'll

Cyclonic words and many a withering blast; No matter if her heart, sometimes so warm Is full to overflowing with the storm-Thou speakest truth, Barometer, I swear,

When saying always: Changeable, yet fair! For, though she change a dozen times a day, much in evidence. In fact, so lonely and nn did the house now seem without ber that Jack sometimes almost wished she

1770-DAY'S MORNING TIMES contained more Washington, more telegraphic news, more foreign news than all the other Washington papers combined.

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A Mother-in-Law.

"To put the matter quite plainly, Polly, it

has come to this: Your mother must go. Upon that point I am determined." Jack Hadley saw the tears come into his wife's eyes as be spoke, but it had taken him too long to screw himself up to his present attitude to be lightly shaken from it, now it was reached. He therefore pretended not to notice her tears and went on:

You see how things stand. It is just three years since I made you my wife and took you down to Bognor for the wedding trip we both enjoyed somuch. When on your return from that all too short honeymoon your mother proposed to come and spend a little time with us I made no objection at all to the proceeding, for as we were making a fresh start in life I deemed the experience of an olderhand anadyantage to us and thought that you would be glad to avail yourself of a mother's help in your domestic concerns." He paused momentarily, relieved at having thus far safely delivered himself of a speech

he had spent much time in putting together His wife remained silent and he continued "But when it came to months and your mother gave no indications of returning to the maternal abode. I began to wonder if we were left to ourselves, to make the attempt to walk alone. This I have delicately hinted to your parent on several ecasions, but she has refused to take the hint, and now, as I say, it has come to this—she must be told to go. You see, your mother's not content to take a back seat like any other visitor. On the contrary she keeps herself always in the front and even affects to rule. In fact, she does rule. If a new carpet is to be bought she choeses the material. When the rooms

the pattern. Even in preparing the daily dinner your mother's taste and wishes always have the first consideration. I've had just about enough of it, so the thing must stop. As the old lady doesn't seem inclined to leave of her own free will, and refuses to take a blnt, she must be told to go in language that she can't "Then, you must tell her, for I cannot,"

sobbed Polly.

Jack had hoped that the task might be indertaken by his wife, who, with her womanly tact would, he thought, be able to manage the affair a little more skill-fully than he could hope to do, but, havng gone so far, he would not now retreat Very Well," he said, airily, "I'll tell her myself to-morrow, whatever the con sequences may be."

"Mother-in-law," sald Jack, the next more ing having found the opportunity, "I've got something particular to say affecting your-

The old lady adjusted her spectacles in neat little simulation of surprise.
"Affecting me?" she exclaimed,
on, my dear John, I'm all attention."

Jack screwed up his courage and wen "I-we-that is, your daughter and I have een married three years—"
"Three years?" broke in the old lady

seems three months! Well?" Jack didn't like that "Well," but he wen "It is three years, though, and you have lived with us all the time.

'Dear me! How the time flies! It hardly

"Ah, yes, John, so I have," said the old "And I-we, that is-have come to the conclusion that—we should now like to—to live by ourselves." The old lady straightened herself up with

dignity. 'Oh, John Hadley," she said coldly, "I see what you mean. You want to turn me "Not exactly that," said John, deprecat ingly. "We should never, of course, think of turning you out, but we certainly ventured to

hope that you would probably see your way to living at your own home in the future, as no doubt you do." "I quite understand, Mr. John Hadley," returned the mother-in-law, freezingly. "It's just the same thing. I'm not a fool and can

put two and two together. Very well, it shall be as you wish—I will go to-day." "There is no need for such haste," said Jack mildly, "A week or two, or three would give you time to arrange your plans and would quite suit ours."
"Enough: I go at once," said the old lady, moving toward the door as if prepared to act instanter. "One word before I leave," she

idded majestically, pausing at the threshold

You said 'we.' Do I understand that my daughter is a party to this insult?" "Your daughter, Mrs. Hasiop," said Jack, stung into a commanding tone by the dignified demeanor of the old lady, "is my wife, and as such her first duty is to her busband. Consequently anything done by me or at my wish is equally her act."

"Thank you," said the old lady, bowing erself out of the soom.

Jack was surprised, but not altogether delighted at the easy victory he had achieved. He had anticipated opposition and was almost disappointed at finding none. However, he accomplished his purpose, for Polly's mother, true to her word, made a speedy exit from the house. At first Jack and his wife missed the old

hadn't gone, and as for Polly, she had many a good cry by herself over the affair.

But as her husband now made a point of ome in her society, she couldn't belp becoming acconciled to her loss. So as the lonely feeling gradually wore off and the young couple got used to the new order of things, Jack Hadley congratulated himself as having done the right thing at last.
Some three months later, when Jack

was returning from business one day, he eyes told of something amiss.
"I have sad news," the raid, with a great tob. "My mother has been taken

suddenly ill and is dead!" Jack at once set about assuaging his wife's grief. When she had sufficiently re-covered she imparted another bit of news, far more important, from his point of view "They tell me she died well-worth \$20,000."

"Twenty thousand dollars!" echoed Jack, in amazement. "Well, I'm blessed! Who'd have thought it? Why, I didn't think she was worth 20,000 cents!" "Nor I," added his wife. "Twenty thousand dollars!" repeated

Jack. "And you're the only child, aren's you, Polly?" "Yes." "Do you know," he went on, after a pause," "I don't much like that drawingoom carpet of ours, do you?"
"It is faded," said his wife, listlessly.

"Yes, we want a new one hadly, and a better. These curtains are not up to date, either. And there's the dining-room set. It looks quite shabby. Don't you think so?" "Rather dingy."
There was a little pause, and then the

and-what do you think I saw Poll? of her grief. "No, guess again."
"Some bauble for me to wear, I suppose,

ou crazy old Jack."

opeful Jack broke out again;
"I was passing Streeter's the other day

"A lovely diamond pin," "I sald you were demented." "But it was only \$100, and would suit you admirably." lot of money in order to dress up to such

"Well, a pretty silk gown, and there you "You might also add bang, goes another hundred for a silk dress.

"Which isn't a terrible amount. And how

weh prettiera pretty woman would look so trigged out, eh?" coaxingly.
"You make me laugh, Jack, and you know I ought not to." "And you ought not to grieve, either. Death waits us all-and it should not be unwelcome-to the old. Now don't you fres about your mother, dear, and take care that all the funeral arrangements are dene de-cently and in order. I will never have it

rest on my head that the dear old creature wasn't comfortably carried to the grave. And Polly's the only child." The last sentence wasn't intended for the ears of his wife, but Polly heard it, and again

When the funeral was over Jack Hadley found himself one of a very small company gathered in a little room, the most conspicuous object in which was a fussy lawyer seated at a table with two open documents spread out before him.
"This," said the man of law, coming at

once to business and holding up one of the papers, "in the last will and testament of Sarah Haslop, deceased. It bears date April 3, 1881--" "A week before she left us," murmured Jack, under his breath.
"And runs as follows," continued the

lawyer:
"I hereby give and bequeath to my sonin-law, John Hadley, and my dan Marianne, his wife, the sum of \$20,000. with power to use and employ the same for their mutual benefit."

"The dear old soul!" ecstatically exclaimed Only by a innate sense of propriety was he restrained from shying his hat at the

ceiling in boyish glee.
"And this," said the representative of red tape, taking up document No. 2, "is a codicil executed exactly fourteen days afterward-"

'A week after she left our house!" gasped "It is not of very great length, and runs

as follows: " 'I hereby cancel and revoke all former wills, whensoever and wheresoever made, and substitute therefor this, the final expression of my intentions. To my daughter, Marianne Hadley, I bequeath the sum of \$100 to enable her to buy suitable mouraing to wear at my decease; to my con-in-law, John Hadley, her husband, in consideration of his kindness in turning me out of his leaving on my own account, I make a pressent of one shilling. The whole of the residue of my property I bequeath to the trustees of the hospital of this, my native town, to form a fund to be applied to the

special care of afflicted mothers-in-laws."
"The spiteful old cat!" growled Jack, under his breath. "May she-He checked bimself and, taking his has sorrowfully walked homeward, a sadder

and a wiser man. Years have passed slace then and Jack Hadley, among other things, has developed an inveterate and irremediable taciturnity. the nonce it is only necessary to mention the

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